

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The population of Austin, Texas, is now 27,000.

KANSAS CITY is building a \$400,000 opera house.

Mrs. LOGAN is pestered by many begging letters.

A party of the untidy dragging skirts is threatened.

SPONGERS have been discovered in the lake of Chautauqua.

Some Georgians got 300 bushels of sweet potatoes out of an acre.

Mrs. DUNN refused to take off her bustle before going to the gallows.

The sailors of the U. S. S. were shipped from Oregon to England last year.

SAM JONES preached twice at Toronto, Sunday, morning and evening.

A "society of triplets" writes to Mrs. Hendricks for money to buy a cow.

To Man's Land, Kas. and the State of Connecticut are about the same size.

JUDAS MASSEY, of Douglassville, Ga., killed eleven partridges at one shot.

The three Cole brothers, of Harrison, Ga., have their hearts on the right side.

It would be well if experts were to examine railroad bridges for the accidents.

A "WELL" at Yakutat, Alaska, has been estimated to be frozen to a depth of 612 feet.

THEODORE TILTON is living in Paris and devoting himself to literary pursuits.

ALLIANCE corruption in the municipal affairs of Brooklyn is being investigated.

The King of Italy now has a whole Pullman car to himself when he wants to travel.

A TWENTY-EIGHT-TON cat, with one yellow and one green eye, is exhibited in New Haven.

TO MAINTAIN peace for the next seven years Germany is to have an army of 400,000 men.

Mrs. BAYARD TAYLOR and her daughter Malinda have returned to Germany to reside permanently.

JEFFERSON DAVIS says he is too old to travel, and never expects to be in Washington again.

The Empress of Austria is said to have literary ambitions and is intending to publish a book soon.

An apple tree over 100 years old and four and a half feet in diameter, has been cut down in Lyme, Conn.

THIRTEEN of the noted twenty passes of the Rocky Mountains are more than 10,000 feet above the sea level.

WORK on the steam cranes, Boston, Atlantic and Chicago, has been suspended for lack of appropriation.

SINCE the adjournment of Congress a marble bust of John C. Calhoun has been placed in the Senate gallery.

CARDINAL MANNIX has heartily endorsed the policy advocated by Cardinal Gibbons toward the Knights of Labor.

NAME DEVAL, notorious courtesan of Indiana and Tennessee, will receive a pension as she has left a large fortune.

She Louisville and Nashville will build this year 124 miles of new railroad, of which 100 miles will be for the Kentucky & Tennessee.

A VILLAGE, suburban to Atlanta, Ga., has been laid out and is to be incorporated.

CHARLES H. HENNER, an umbrella mender in Pittsburgh, has inherited a fortune of \$75,000 from a cousin who died in Australia.

The President has given his check for \$100 to the fund for the erection of a monument to the late Vice-President Hendricks.

The inventor of the repeating-griff recently adopted for the Austrian army, has been decorated by Emperor Francis Joseph.

The name Dakota is a corruption of "Pah-sa-toi," meaning many heads—the craniums of buffaloes being scattered thus on all the trails.

A SOUTH CAROLINA mother has a record of seventeen children in nine years. The first was a solitary voyager. The others came in pairs.

It costs the Government for each United States Senator \$5,000 a year salary and \$3,500 a year additional for attendants and incidental expenses.

The President, treasurer and counsel of the "British-American Claims Agency" were arrested in New York, a few days ago, charged with fraud.

At Detroit, Mich., Fred Frisbie said to his landlady: "If you insist on my paying my bill I will kill myself." She insisted. He shot.

TRE widow of Garibaldi lives in a quiet street of Turin, the walls of her little parlor covered with flags, medals and other mementoes of the dead hero.

An inmate of the Midland (N. Y.) Asylum is worth \$500,000. He became insane over religion, and imagines he is President of the United States.

MR. CONNERY, the new secretary of legation to Mexico, has been for a post about the last of this month. Mr. Connery will collect the data for a history of Mexico.

JOHN CARTER, of Recklessness, N. J., recently butchered three remarkably fine hogs. The lightest weighed 66 pounds the heaviest 85; and the total weight was 21.94 pounds.

JAMES TAYLOR, while digging a well on his farm near Excelsior, Wis., found in a bed of gravel twenty feet below the surface a lot of beautiful amethysts and one very large and valuable ruby.

FOUR who buy fancy candy and find it to be very sticky may find this flattering unctuousness to their sons, namely: That they are eating glucose, which is the output of cornstarch and sulphuric acid.

One of the principal streets of Thomson, Ga., the same room is occupied by a physician and shoemaker—the physician's office being in front and the shoemaker's shop in the rear. Over the door is the sign: "We repair both sole and body."

Mrs. MARION TOND is a successful lawyer in Albion, Mich. Her first case was for a railroad conductor against a corporation, and she won it. She is now prosecuting a \$25,000 damage suit against the Central Pacific Railroad.

A COLORED man at Americus, Ga., was arrested on a charge of burglary preferred by a neighbor and taken before a magistrate for trial. The accusing neighbor was excused from court to hunt up some witnesses by whom he proposed to prove his case. For two hours the court awaited his return, only to find that he had eloped with the defendant's wife.

A SWEET machine agent at Lookout, Ark., got the best of L. L. L. Buffalo in a sewing machine trial. Her husband reproved her for her folly. She took cold and will not sew any more.

THE number of Apache prisoners at Fort Marion, Fla., is 466. Since February 1 three children have been born and four Indians have died. The Indians generally have behaved well. About fifty children are now under instruction.

FRANK L. DAVIS, of the town of Bolivar, Jackson County, Ill., receives the very moderate salary of ten cents a year. The postmaster of Peck, Ill., got thirty cents last year, while the postmaster of Lead, Ark., got thirty-one cents.

## EIGHTY BUILDINGS BURNED.

Chautauqua Swept With a Broom of Fire.

The Entire Assembly Prevented From Destruction Only by the Most Heroic Work.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., March 24.—The fire at the Chautauqua Assembly grounds, early this morning destroyed eighty buildings, including several boarding houses, among them the Eckert and Parkhurst and Ailing Houses. The total loss will probably reach \$200,000. The fire started shortly before midnight in the Curtis cottage on Simpson avenue. It was caused by a defective fire. The buildings and cottages are of wood and are close together, and the fire spread rapidly to the adjoining cottages, and the lack of fire apparatus and the scarcity of help favored the flames. About sixty families were sleeping in the cottages at the time of the fire. The fire started in the Curtis cottage on Simpson avenue. It was caused by a defective fire. The buildings and cottages are of wood and are close together, and the fire spread rapidly to the adjoining cottages, and the lack of fire apparatus and the scarcity of help favored the flames. About sixty families were sleeping in the cottages at the time of the fire. The fire started in the Curtis cottage on Simpson avenue. It was caused by a defective fire. The buildings and cottages are of wood and are close together, and the fire spread rapidly to the adjoining cottages, and the lack of fire apparatus and the scarcity of help favored the flames. About sixty families were sleeping in the cottages at the time of the fire.

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